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# The Royal Green Jacket Association

## (Suffolk Branch)

### Minutes from Fridays Meeting the 1st of August 1997

- 1. Those present:** John Bevan, Jim Hitches, Mick Burtenshaw, Larry Lamb, Alfie Adams, Tom Evans, Del Hemsley, Frank Moss, Gordon Pilcher & Joe Mills.
- 2. Apologies:** Mick Read, Vic Steedman, Mick Cozzi, Bob Stoddart, Fred Breyer & Craig Thomas.
- 3.** The meeting was opened by **Joe Mills** at 2000hrs.
- 4.** Previous minutes these were proposed by: **Tom Evans** and seconded by: **Jim Hitches** that the minutes as read be passed.
- 5. Matters arising:** John Bevan's apologies for July's meeting were not passed on or recorded.
- 6. Correspondence:** Sent out several invitations to guests as agreed for the 22nd of August. received letters from RHQ on recruiting and also from the RSM IRGJ regarding a proposed visit of Assc members to IRGJ, this will now be well after the New Year. Also received a very nice letter from John & Sue Brunton thanking us for the Winchester weekend as well as a card from Frank & Judith Jones passing on their best wishes to all.
- 7. Finance:** Savings account £ 1953.73 General account £536.82 having paid the coach.
- 8. Benevolence report:** Nothing to report on health matters, it was agreed that we would purchase the normal 15 tickets for this year's Festival of Remembrance, which focuses this year on the RN, RM and Merchant Navy as well as the start of National Service.
- 9. Association Birthday Dance:** Please note list of those who have replied so far:-

Frank & Maddi Moss, Jim & Pam Hitches Joe & Fe Mills +2 George & Barbara Caldwell Mick & Christine Burtenshaw Larry & Julie Lamb Tom & Jenny Evans Jim & Dot Crack + 2 Vic Steedman Mick & Bet Read + 3 Colin Bodingade + 3 Dave & Helena Marsh + 2 Brian & Sheila Taplin John & Margaret Bevan + 2 Alf & Carol Adams + 3 Mick & Ingrid Downey Craig Thomas & Kim Moss Derek & Carol Thomas John & Marilyn Haines Pauline Hemsley

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9. Continued

As time is drawing on it is essential that all names are in as quickly as possible so would appreciate you contacting **Mick Burtenshaw**, thank you.

10. **Winchester Weekend.** Although every one enjoyed themselves at the Marwell it was felt that the service had dropped off and that the food served to us on the Friday night left much to be desired, a letter of complaint will be sent.

For next year if at the Marwell the options for the Friday Night are to have a B-B-Q or use the coach to visit the Inn on the Lake which is a very short distance from the Hotel - other options may become available in the coming months and these should all be considered.

11. Any other business:

a. Whilst at Winchester **John Powell** passed round a beautiful hand embroidered pennant in gold and silver wire done on dark green satin of the **RB badge** with scroll on top and bottom top saying **3rd Royal Green Jackets** and the bottom saying **Rifle Brigade**. The cost for one is **£88.00** but it is hoped that we can at least get an order together for 10 which reduces the individual price to **£58.00** each. Joe said he'd like one for the Assc, and several members also gave a positive response - as no list was taken at Winchester could any member wanting one of these excellent pennants please let me know by latest end of September so that we can place a bulk order. Satin lined presentation boxes are **£4.00** extra plus VAT. Order form attached.

b. **Remembrance Sunday Parade & Lunch.** Please complete the attached return for those wanting lunch at the Orwell on the Sunday.

c. **Ladies Dinner Dance Friday the 30th of January 1998.** Also attached is the return for next years dinner, this will be an excellent evening and all members are asked to get their return in along with cheques as soon as possible. We will run a book behind the bar for all local members who want to spread their payments. It was agreed at the meeting that **Col. John Poole Warren** should be asked as our Guest of Honor.

d. **Personalized Assc Cards,** would members please let Gordon know ASP the number and message required on the cards so that they can all be produced in time for Christmas.

e. **Del Hemsley** proposed a vote of thanks to **Tommy Evans** and **Frank Moss** for their tireless efforts whilst at Winchester in raising funds for the Branch to cover the cost of the coach which this year taking all costs into consideration a profit of £12.05 was made - their efforts are greatly appreciated, well done.

f. **John Bevan** passed on his thanks to the Association for the Silver tankard marking his 60th Birthday which was presented to him by Ron Cassidy whilst at Winchester.

g. **Brian (Tapper) Taplin** also gets a big thank you for the excellent gifts supplied for the Friday Night Raffle at the Marwell, well done Brian.

Date of the next meeting is on **Friday the 5th of September 1997** same place same time.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at **2050hrs.**

*Joe Mills*  
*Chairman*

*Gordon Pilcher*  
*Secretary*